

Tompkins Township
Minutes
November 4, 2004

The regular meeting of the Tompkins Township Board was called to order on Thursday, November 4, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the township hall by Supervisor Nancy Seydell. Members present in addition to the supervisor were Clerk Melanie Curran, Treasurer Linda Sterrett, Trustee Mason Samson, and Trustee R. Jason Bennett. The minutes of the October 5, 2004 were approved following a motion by Sterrett, supported by Bennett. Treasurer's report was read as follows: Disbursements of \$16,852.69, deposits of \$33,881.37, and a balance of \$194,118.07. The report was approved following a motion by Samson, supported by Seydell. Motion carried. Moved by Curran to amend the budget, increase the Roads account by \$2,000.00 from the contingency account. Supported by Sterrett. Roll call yes votes: Curran, Bennett, Samson, Sterrett, and Seydell. No votes: none. The Supervisor read the bills for the fire department. Moved to accept the report by Samson, support by Curran. Motion carried.

The Supervisor then read the bills due and payable as follows:

*9032 Old National Leasing - Evansville 8138.95
*9033 Consumers Energy 121.20
Township hall - 80.46 Firebarn - 40.74
9034 Michael's Heating and Cooling 60.00
9035 Fidar Doubleday, Inc. 232.61
9036 Bauckham, Sparks, Rolfe, Lohrstorfer, & Thall, P.C. 174.46
9037 Jackson Citizen Patriot 45.09
9038 Ann Webb 140.00
9039 Jackson County Road Commission 38,000.00
9040 Melanie J. Curran 199.00
9041 Verizon North 29.27
9042 JMS Inspections, Inc. 895.00
9043 Electrical Inspection Service, Inc. 300.00
9044 Jansen Associates, Inc. 210.00
9045 Linda Sterrett 1,221.86
9046 Melanie Curran 1,291.59
9047 Nancy Seydell 725.81
9048 R. Jason Bennett 69.26
9049 Mason Samson 69.26
9050 Lani Thomas 115.44
9051 Rives Township 786.57
9052 Jeannette McDonald 10.00
9053 William Bivens 46.17
9054 Richard Bennett 46.17
9055 Alan Southworth 46.17
9056 Howard Mann 1,605.00
9063 Henry Fowler 32.50

*Prepaid Bills

Moved to pay the bills and approve the prepaid bills by Sterrett, support by Bennett. Roll call yes votes: Curran, Bennett, Samson, Sterrett, Seydell. No votes: none. Motion carried.

Check number 9057 through 9059 to the election workers with a total amount of \$687.00 were read, and moved to approve and prepay by Bennett, support by Sterrett. Roll call yes votes: Curran, Bennett, Samson,

Sterrett, and Seydell. No votes: none. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Sharon Parker thanked everyone for support and help in the election.

Web Site: Motion was made by Bennett to keep our URL at .gov for \$125.00 annually with support by Samson. Roll yes votes: Curran, Bennett, Samson, Sterrett, and Seydell. No votes: none.

First Aid Kit was requested by Nancy Seydell to place in the township hall.

Planning Commission: Resignation was read of Richard Bennett. Motion was made by R. Jason Bennett to accept with regret, supported by Seydell. Motion carried. Filling the newly vacated position on the Commission was tabled at this time. The Clerk will post the vacancy at the township and locally.

Waive 3% fee for taxes paid Feb. 15 - Feb. 28 by Sterrett, supported by Samson. Roll call yes votes: Curran, Bennett, Samson, Sterrett, and Seydell. No votes: none. Motion carried.

MTA Conferences: MTA Annual Conference in Detroit - Motion was made to approve expenses and registration for township officials to attend the conference, including John Tuttle and Gary Purcell by Sterrett, support by Bennett. Roll call all yes votes. New Officials Training will be attended by John Tuttle and Gary Purcell by motion of Sterrett, support by Bennett to approve the expenditures and registration. Roll call all yes votes.

Newly Elected Officials will be sworn in on November 21, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. at the township hall, except Gary Purcell shall take office prior to the regular board meeting in December, 2004.

Stewart Property Report was given by Nancy Seydell on the progress the Historical Society is making.

Fire/Rescue Report: Nancy Seydell reported the fire barn needs new shingles. The barn was built in 1979 and remains with the original roof. Bids will be received for the job. Moved to approve John Tuttle to purchase an apartment size refrigerator up to \$125.00 at Sam's Club by Sterrett, support by Bennett. Roll call yes votes: Curran, Bennett, Samson, Sterrett, and Seydell. No votes: none. Motion carried.

Ordinance Office Report: Seydell reports the damage to the grounds at the townhall are not collectable.

County Report given by Clifford Herl on various topics.

R. Jason Bennett requested a letter he wrote be read and placed into the minutes. The letter follows: My fellow residents, I would like to thank you for the opportunity you gave me to be trustee. The last two years have been filled with challenges large and small. I set out with no great agenda but a desire to do what is right. In the last two years many things have been accomplished, some left undone. It is my sincere hope that those items left unfinished will be completed in the next four years. I offer advice to our newly elected official: leaders lead, it is simple to say but hard to accomplish. You will inevitably be called upon to make hard decisions, those decisions may be unpopular but do not let the wind be your guide. A leader has to be resolute, able to withstand the storm of trying times, be able to overcome obstacles of doubt and unbelief, be able to bridge the gap of indifference and be a shining example to the community. The residents have given you their trust, do not betray it. You will take an oath that has served many generations; our great republic has stood the test of time and is a beacon of hope to those abroad. My last days have been filled with reflection and joy. May your journey be filled with prosperity and peace. My prayer for you is wisdom and patience. May God bless you, may God bless America. R. Jason Bennett. Tompkins Township Trustee.

Public Comment: Sharon Parker reported on the meetings of the Upper Grand River Watershed Council.

The three building permits were read by the Supervisor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. with 13 in attendance.

Melanie Curran
Clerk

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